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Economic ghettos now spawn, to a very large extent, the present endless nightmare of gang and drug

Is it possible to replace the old corrupt politics of tribal patronage, the corrupt monetary system, as well as

Islam recognizes justice to be the fundamental and indispensable moral value on which stable societies
"O you who have faith (in the One God)! Be ever steadfast in upholding (the standard of) equity (a

From a corrupted economy - to the ghetto - to endless crime

When the market-place of jobs, of allocation of resources, and of buying and selling is corrupted, and when

A man who could not read or write, and who never had the opportunity to learn, can two

The politics of patronage, in which governments favor some over others, corrupts and destroys both the

From a bogus and fraudulent monetary system to crime

Governments print utterly bogus and fraudulent non-redeemable paper-money and then impose it as law

" . . . do not deprive people of what is rightfully theirs by diminishing the value of their things (such as land, etc.)
The falling value of money (that was created out of nothing) destroys the free and fair market as it results

From lending money on interest to crime

The Qur'an, like the Bible before it, has prohibited the lending of money on interest:

"O you who have attained guidance, fear Allah in all your business. Riba (excessive interest on loans) is evil
" . . . wealth does not increase them, but those who practice it are only losers. (Qur'an, Al-Baqara, 2:278)

The 'chickens eventually come home to roost' when such societies pay the price for the money-lender's

Political parties, governments, banks, businessmen, etc. who construct, support and justify a usurious economic system

The link between economic injustice and today's crime-ridden society would, of course, be dramatically